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Remarks

The Office Action mailed August 9, 2005, and made final, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-11 and 14-21 are now pending in this application, of which claim 11 has been amended. Claims 1-10 and 21 are allowed. Claim 13 has been canceled.

The rejection of claims 11, 15-17, and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as claims 11, 15-17 and 19-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,857,893 is respectfully traversed.

Claim 13 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim. Claim 13 has been canceled and claim 11 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 13. Claim 11 is therefore submitted to be patentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,857,893.

Claims 15-17 and 19-20 depend from independent claim 11. When the recitations of claims 15-17 and 19-20 are considered in combination with the recitations of claim 11, Applicant submits that dependent claims 15-17 and 19-20 likewise are patentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,857,893.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the double patenting rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

The objection to claims 12-14 and 18 is respectfully traversed. Claim 12 was previously canceled. Consequently, it is believed that the objection is intended to apply to claims 13-14 and 18 and the objection is responded to accordingly.

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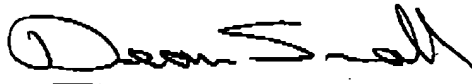
Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in dependent claims 13-14 and 18.

Claims 13-14 and 18 depend from independent claim 11. Claim 13 has been canceled and claim 11 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 13. Claim 11 is therefore submitted to be patentable over the cited art. Claims 14 and 18 depend from claim 11. When the recitations of claims 14 and 18 are considered in combination with the recitations of claim 11, Applicant submits that dependent claims 14 and 18 likewise are patentable over the cited art.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claims 12-14 and 18 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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